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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to Public Law 97-247, Section 8, and 37 C.F.R.§ 1.136, Applicant(s) herewith petition(s) that the period for response to the Office Action mailed on July 25, 2003, be extended for 3 month(s), to and including October 27, 2003 (the next business day). The appropriate small entity fee for this extension accompanies this Petition.

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